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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING THREADS TO REACH A CONSISTENT STATE WITHOUT EXPLICIT

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